

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF WISCONSIN

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BRADLEY SEWELL,

Plaintiff,

v.

DR. JEFFREY MANLOVE, *et al.*,

Defendants.

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ORDER

15-cv-241-slc

Pro se plaintiff Bradley Sewell is proceeding on claims that several employees of the Wisconsin Department of Corrections violated his rights under the First and Eighth Amendments. On January 4, 2017, I denied his Motion for Assistance in Recruiting Counsel (dkt. 28), and he has since filed a Motion for Reconsideration of that order. (Dkt. 29.) According to Sewell, because he has been relying on another inmate to assist him in preparing his filings, I erred in reasoning that he has shown himself capable of litigating this matter on his own behalf. I disagree. The fact that Sewell has recruited another inmate to help him does not show that this case is too complicated for him to handle on his own without a lawyer. *See Pruitt v. Mote*, 503 F.3d 647, 655 (7th Cir. 2007). Rather, by reaching out to other inmates for help, Sewell has demonstrated that he is identifying and making use of the resources and people that are available to him right now.

More importantly, I also denied Sewell's request because it is still too early to determine whether the complexities of this case really do exceed Sewell's ability to litigate it. That is why I denied his motion without prejudice: he may renew it AFTER the exhaustion phase if Sewell can show that, even when he uses all of the resources available to him—including the help of other inmates—he can no longer adequately meet the demands of this lawsuit. Plaintiff's motion for reconsideration is thus DENIED at this time, again without prejudice.

ORDER

IT IS ORDERED that plaintiff Bradley Sewell's Motion for Reconsideration (dkt. 29) is DENIED.

Entered this 6<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2017.

BY THE COURT:

/s/

STEPHEN L. CROCKER  
Magistrate Judge